

**Eau Claire Redevelopment Authority Minutes**  
**Meeting of April 20, 2011**

City Hall, Council Chambers

7:30 a.m.

Members Present: Messrs. Huggins, Von Haden, DeRosa, Barr, Green and Mses. Wildenberg

Staff Present: Messrs. Schatz, Tufte, Nick, and Mses. Graffeo and Noland

Others Present: Ms. Kaiser

**1. Call to order.**

At 7:30 a.m. Mr. DeRosa called the meeting to order, and welcomed Mr. Von Haden to the Redevelopment Authority.

**2. Minutes.**

The minutes from the March 16 meeting were approved on a motion made by Mr. Barr and seconded by Mr. Huggins.

**3. Financial Statements.**

Ms. Noland presented finances for the months of March. Only \$56 of expenditures was incurred for office/administrative items. On the financials, under Program 4176, there is still \$200,000 reserved for a grocery-store credit. Fund 4286 has funds reserved for CBDG reimbursement. The West Bank fund holds a balance of \$917,134, which will be used for property acquisition. The finances were approved as presented on a motion made by Ms. Wildenberg and seconded by Mr. Von Haden.

**4. West Riverside District Plan.**

Mr. Tufte presented the final draft of the West Riverside District plan. Through the process of creating and revising the plan, Mr. Tufte has met with the advisory committee several times. There will be a final meeting with Parks and Waterways next week. The proposed plan will go before the Plan Commission on May 2 before being presented to City Council on May 9.

The RDA discussed the plan for property acquisition within the plan boundaries, as well as the surfacing, location, and funding of the riverfront trails.

A motion to recommend the plan as presented was made by Ms. Wildenberg, seconded by Mr. Green, and approved unanimously.

Mr. Barr commends the plan for the level of access to the river and for the comprehensive nature of work done. Mr. Barr stated his appreciation of this plan.

5. **2 S. Barstow Murals.**

In 2005, the RDA was approached by members of the art community with a plan to beautify the abandoned building by placing murals over the broken windows of 2 S. Barstow Street. The RDA paid for the materials, the art community donated the paint and their talents, and the installation of the murals was donated by a local company. Ms. Kaiser addressed the committee as a member of the art community who was a driving force of the creation of the murals.

Now that the building has been sold, the murals remain the property of the RDA, and will be returned to the RDA as renovations progress. The RDA must decide what to do with the murals.

Several members of RDA stated that continued access to the art by the public should be a strong consideration when deciding what to do with the murals.

Ms. Wildenberg and Mr. Nick both stated a recommendation to keep the disposal of the murals simple; that continued control of the art by the RDA could become problematic.

The RDA discussed several ideas for re-use, sale, and disposal of the murals. The RDA has directed staff to further research options and gather community input. This topic will be further discussed at the May meeting.

**Closed Session**

The RDA entered closed session at 8:00 a.m. on a motion made by Mr. Huggins and seconded by Mr. Barr; motion carried

**Open Session**

Ms. Wildenberg moved to go into open session at 8:15 a.m. Mr. Green seconded the motion; motion carried.

6. **Announcements, directions and correspondence.**

Ms. Schatz distributed a letter to the RDA from Mr. Gable that includes an offer to sell his land, and the matter will be discussed at the May meeting.

The RDA will be receiving \$100,000 in CBDG funds for this year. This money is intended to be used for trails.

Staff had been directed to further research options and gather community input regarding the murals on 2 S. Barstow.

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**7. Adjournment.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Halloin', written over a horizontal line.

Jeff Halloin, Secretary